

YOUNG PEOPLE IN CONFERENCE.

General Meetings of the Mutual Improvement Associations Held Yesterday in This City.

SESSIONS LARGELY ATTENDED.

President Smith Delivers Impressive Discourse on Marriage—Fine Sermon by Elder Roberts.

The general conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations convened in the city yesterday, meetings being held in the Assembly hall at 10 a. m. and in the Tabernacle at 2 and 7:30 p. m. The conference was one of the best attended in years and the instructions given were of a character calculated to enhance the interests of the young people throughout the Church.

The first session was in the nature of an officers' meeting at which papers were read dealing with different phases of Mutual Improvement work. Mrs. Martha H. Tingey conducted the exercises. The congregation sang the hymn: "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer was offered by Elder Benjamin Goddard. Singing, "Earth with her ten thousand flowers." The roll call showed that out of 36 stake organizations in the city, 33 were represented by the young ladies and 46 by the young men. Mrs. Tingey, in a short address, then extended hearty greetings to those present and expressed the hope that the meetings would be of great benefit to all concerned. She said that the associations generally were in good condition, and that the only reason for their reason to feel proud of their achievement for the Lord was surely blessing them in their work.

PAPER ON REVERENCE.

The first paper presented was by Mrs. Minnie J. Snow, who dealt with the subject, "Reverence For Our Places of Worship." The speaker threw out many valuable hints and submitted that there could be much improvement in this direction.

The paper was discussed by Dr. George H. Brimhall who called attention to the fact that "The Lord's house is a house of order," and that reverence for our places of worship should first be taught in the home. He thought officers of the associations should be exemplary in this regard.

The subject was also discussed by Mrs. Alice K. Smith, who deplored the tendency among the ladies to wear big hats, thus obscuring the view of those behind them. She said that reverence to rebellion and should therefore be discouraged as much as possible.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

At the close of the discussion the following resolution, introduced by Elder Edward H. Anderson, was unanimously adopted by the conference:

"Be it resolved by the officers of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A., in conference assembled:

"That we will exert every effort to persuade the members of our associations to join us in developing in the hearts of the young people a sentiment of reverence for sacred places and sacred things; and to unite with us in refraining from talk, laughter, and all unseemly conduct in our worshiping assemblies; and in keeping our places of worship clean, well-ventilated and attractive."

RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

Prof. Joseph E. Hickman discussed the subject, "Responsibility of Officers," making a point of punctuality and keeping promises. The paper was an unusually interesting one, containing as it did many valuable suggestions and emphasizing the force of example upon members of the associations. Elder George N. Child and Mrs. Emma V. Pyle discussed the subject, endorsing Prof. Hickman's views in the matter.

"OUR SOCIAL LIFE."

"Our Social Life" was the subject of a paper presented by Mrs. Rose W. Bennett, who discussed it in two divisions: (a) how we can as officers best give a spirit of welcome and sociability in the M. I. A. meetings; (b) how to control the same within proper limits. Discussion followed by Mrs. Clara Robinson Jarvis and Elder John V. Grant.

Mrs. Augusta W. Grant then stated that it was the desire of the general board to adopt some color or emblem to be worn generally by Mutual Improvement workers, and she asked that suggestions be sent to her at 14 Second East street.

After singing "The time is far spent," the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Adeline W. Zardley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prest. Smith Delivers an Impressive Discourse on Marriage.

The afternoon session was held in the Tabernacle, President Joseph P. Smith presiding. The meeting began by the choir singing the anthem, "Lift Up the Voice in Singing." Prayer was offered by Elder Junius P. Wells. The choir and congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation."

President Joseph P. Smith expressed the hope that all present would secure seats and remain seated until the close of the meeting, so as not to disturb the exercises.

ELDER B. H. ROBERTS.

Elder Brigham H. Roberts was the first speaker of the afternoon. His remarks were in the nature of an address of welcome, which he said, he regarded as a pleasing duty, for it could be nothing less than a pleasure to speak to such a large assemblage representing the young people of the Mutual Improvement associations of the Church.

He said the conference now in session was more or less in the nature of a legislative gathering, in which the purpose was to devise means for the better uplifting and advancement of people. In this work, he ventured the speaker, it was a good thing to get the right of it, in order that we might reach the better reach that which we are working for. The preparation of the work of an artist, which was gradually brought out through constant effort, intelligently and systematically directed.

Elder Roberts expressed pleasure at being privileged to stand in the midst of the work of the pioneers; and it had the latter-day Saints would destroy the misconceptions of the world concerning them. If they had to do it in iron, in monuments of stone.

In this connection the speaker re-

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James G. Blaine was nominated for the presidency by the Republican national convention at Chicago.

Mrs. Rhea played "Frou-Frou at the Salt Lake theater."

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.

The Chicago world's fair stockholders received a dividend of 10 per cent.

Attorney General Ogden began proceedings to force the government's claim against the original holders of the Central Pacific grant, his first act being to file a claim against the Stanford estate for \$15,000,000.

FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.

General Gomez issued his last address to the Cuban army, saying he had performed his mission and wished to retire.

The trouble in Samoa was thought to be settled by the disarming of Mataafa and 1,500 rebels.

ferred to the ridiculous cartoon recently published in Collier's Weekly and labeled, "A Latter-day Saint." Such work he considered a prostitution of the powers of a great artist, as well as the prostitution of the world-famous magazine which published it. In striking contrast to the hideous illustration referred to there appeared on another page of the same paper a splendid picture of President Joseph P. Smith, which in itself gave the lie to the cartoon. The speaker pointed out the inconsistency of those who sought to do this people injury.

Elder Roberts alluded to the recent investigation at Washington and to the able manner in which President Smith acquitted himself as a witness. Placed before the leading men of the nation, engaged in an unequal conflict with the government, he met them as an honest man, a prophet of "Mormonism," and gave to the nation the truth concerning a despised people.

MRS. TINGEY SPEAKS.

President Elmina S. Taylor of the Young Ladies' associations, was on the program for an address of welcome, but her second counselor, Mrs. Martha H. Tingey, responded. The speaker bade those present a hearty welcome and urged the young people of the Church to diligence, ever aiming to perpetuate and advance the cause for which their parents sacrificed so much. Mrs. Tingey's remarks were heartfelt and earnest and made a splendid impression on all present.

Walter A. Wallace then rendered the solo, "Draw Near, All Ye People," after which Secretary Thomas Hull presented the reports of the Mutual Improvement and Primary associations for the year, the latter being presented, by special arrangement, for the first time. The three represented a total of 2,500 associations, with an enrollment of 102,104 members, and an average weekly attendance of 47,048.

OFFICERS SUSTAINED.

The general officers of the associations were then presented and unanimously sustained. The M. I. officers being as follows:

Y. M. I. A.—Joseph P. Smith, general superintendent; Heber J. Grant and Brigham H. Roberts, assistants; Thomas Hull, secretary and treasurer; Evan Stephens, music director; Horace S. Ensign, assistant music director.

Aids—Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, Matthias P. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, J. Golden Kimball, Junius F. Wells, Milton H. Hardy, Rodney C. Badger, George H. Brimhall, Edward H. Anderson, Douglas M. Todd, Thomas Hull, Nephi L. Morris, Willard Dore, Le Roi C. Snow, Frank Y. Taylor, Rudger Clawson, Rulon S. Wells, Jos. W. McMurrin, Reed Smoot, Bryant S. Hinckley, Moses W. Taylor, Brigham F. Smith.

President Joseph P. Smith addressed the conference. He said he had been requested to make some remarks relative to the great and important subject of marriage, but as he had very little time in which to speak, he could not hope to say all that might be said on this subject.

The speaker said that a great many people in the world regarded marriage as a business or social contract, governed largely by laws of convenience and the laws of the land, in force and effect only for this life. The result of this custom was that the oath of matrimony was a very easily broken one. The man and woman, who were created in the image and likeness of God, and should be united together for life, and for time and eternity, a custom which God designed should be perpetuated in the earth. This was not a civil contract, but a contract wrought out by God for the guidance and rule of life of His children.

This divinely created system of marriage was not understood by the children of men today, because they had blinded the eyes to their understanding and had refused to place themselves in a position to receive the truth.

This plan was thoroughly understood anciently. The Apostle Paul, speaking to the Corinthian Saints, declared that the man was not to be united to the woman without the man, in the Lord. Alone, said the speaker, the man is not in the likeness of God, for he was not created alone nor was it designed that he should live alone.

President Smith referred to the Mosaic custom providing for that if a man should die without issue his brother should take his wife and raise up seed unto him. Then he cited the question put to the Savior by the Pharisees, asking whose wife the woman was who had seven husbands. In answer the Savior intimated that she belonged only to him to whom God had given her.

President Smith cited also the passage of Scripture forbidding a man to put away his wife and emphasized the statement, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," explaining that no man had a right to cast off her who had been given him by God, the Father. The sin of adultery

was referred to and the passage quoted: "He that looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath already committed adultery with her heart." The sacredness and importance of the marriage covenant was briefly dwelt upon and the Latter-day Saints were urged to enter into it in the manner appointed by God, and the blessings of life and posterity would result.

President Smith thanked God for the belief he had in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for the sense of honor he had in entering into the marriage covenant. He was not prepared to forfeit his rights to an eternal inheritance by yielding to the customs of the world and dotings which officers to be at variance with the laws of God. He deplored the tendency among men to make light of their wives and their husbands, and the fact concerning the latter that personally they had been among his warmest friends.

Concluding, President Smith pleaded for the purity of the home and said that there were none more pure in all the earth than those of the Latter-day Saints.

The choir sang the anthem, "With Sheathed Swords," and the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Julia C. Brimhall.

EVENING MEETING.

Elder Briant S. Hinckley Discusses Home Preparation.

The evening session was begun by the choir singing the hymn:

"Sweetly may the blessed spirit,
One each faithful bosom shine."

Prayer was offered by Elder J. Golden Kimball.

The choir sang the anthem:
"From afar gracious Lord."

HOME PREPARATION.

Elder Briant S. Hinckley was the first speaker, his subject being, "Co-operation of parents in home preparation." The speaker began by expressing to the parents the gratitude of the officers of the M. I. organization for the assistance rendered in the past and the hope that they would still be favored with such assistance. He said the Latter-day Saints believed that the young people of Zion possessed the vigor of native strength and in this opinion they were largely supported by the facts.

The speaker called attention to a statement made by a member of the state supreme court, who declared that there were growing up in these valleys young people possessed of natural talents and who were fast becoming recognized in the earth. The natural elements, said the speaker, were such as to produce this, to say nothing of the religion which the young people of this generation believe in. This religion embraced everything that was uplifting and ennobling and was calculated to develop the very highest type of manhood and womanhood.

The speaker referred to the objects of the Mutual Improvement association which had been stated by Prest. Brigham Young to be the development of the young people in all the branches of knowledge, and to make life better and more noble.

Coming down to the subject assigned him Elder Hinckley pointed out the need of home preparation along the lines of the course of study mapped out. This preparation was absolutely essential, for boys would not attend fast and unprofitable meetings. The boy should be brought face to face with the facts of life, and the character of his own fate, that he must exert himself in order to get the very best results from his lesson. The student should first gather the thought in his mind, and then he should generate the thought and having done so he had developed the habit of study and had come to love the work for the good to be got out of it. Home study, in this way, would serve as an antidote for street walking etc., cause the youth to shun the evils attendant upon idle and shiftless life.

The speaker dwelt upon the grief of mothers over the perplexing question, "Where is my wandering boy tonight?" and suggested as a remedy for this condition the drawing in of the young men to the Mutual Improvement associations, where they could drink the instructions given and learn to forsake their evil ways. In this influence of the home was a great factor for it was a well understood fact that the boy would become what his father was, and not what he wanted him to be.

Thomas Ashworth then rendered the solo, "The Holy Temple."

THE PRIMARY ASSOCIATIONS.

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